

PASSPORT Summit Update

December 2005

Since our last update, the Department of Public Health and Human Services (DPHHS) has been conducting research, reviewing data, and compiling information to present to the PASSPORT Summit focus group.

Due to scheduling complications, no meetings have been held to date. The group's first meeting will be held in early 2006. DPHHS has evaluated the comments and suggestions received at the summits and will present to the focus group those ideas which reinforce PASSPORT objectives and have been determined to be feasible. Members will work with the Department to develop and implement these changes.

A sampling of some of the suggestions received at the summits include:

- Waive the copay when a client sees his/ her PCP.
- Waive the copay for preventative care services.
- Send the PCPs a client utilization report.
- Require more prior authorizations for services and fewer PASSPORT referrals for services.
- Provide better program education to clients.
- Expand the Nurse First and Team Care programs.

At this time, all suggestions regarding PASSPORT are still being considered. Stakeholder suggestions or recommendations which are not implemented will be addressed with an accompanying rationale, which will be posted on our website and sent to summit attendees. This will occur after the focus group meetings and the Department's final decision(s), so that all comments can receive due consideration.

If you have questions or comments regarding the summits, please contact PASSPORT Program Officer Niki Scoffield at (406) 444-4148 or send an e-mail to niscoffield@mt.gov or visit our website at www.mtmedicaid.org